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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 116 TERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1, AND DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES AS COVERED "PUBLIC SERVANTS" UNDER THE STATE GOVERNMENT ETHICS ACT

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 1 was signed on January 12, 2001, providing for a comprehensive procedure to ensure and maintain the highest level of integrity in the Office of the Governor, and all other state executive departments which choose to be included; and,

WHEREAS, the 2006 North Carolina General Assembly enacted, and the Governor signed into law on August 4, 2006, the State Government Ethics Act (hereinafter "Act"), Session Law 2006-201, which took full effect on January 1, 2007. The Act, although patterned on Executive Order No. 1, is more comprehensive in scope and applies to all three branches of state government; and,

WHEREAS, the Act, although comprehensive, has failed to include a small group of officials who were previously covered under Executive Order No. 1; and,

WHEREAS, the Act, [NCGS §138A-3 (30) g] authorizes the Governor to designate other state employees or appointees as "public servants" under the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**